

REMARKS

Claims 1-39 and 41 were pending in the application at the time of the Office Action. The Office Action set forth a restriction requirement asserting that the claims cover two distinct inventions as identified by the following groups of claims:

Group I: Claims 1-27, drawn to a table system for extracting blood from an animal fetus having a placenta.

Group II: Claims 28-39 and 41, drawn to a method for extracting blood from an animal fetus.

Applicant hereby elects without traverse Group II containing claims 28-39 and 41 for prosecution on the merits. As such, claims 1-27 have been cancelled herein.

The Office Action also sets forth an election requirement. Specifically, if Group II containing claims 28-39 and 41 was selected, applicant was required to elect one of the following species:

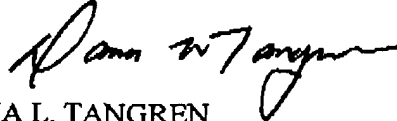
Species II A as claimed in claims 28-37, or
Species II B as claimed in claims 38, 39, and 41.

Applicant hereby elects without traverse Species II A as claimed in claims 28-37. As such, claims 38, 39, and 41 are herein withdrawn from consideration.

In view of the foregoing, applicant respectfully requests the Examiner's reconsideration and allowance of claims 28-39 and 41 as currently pending in the present application. Should the Examiner find any impediment to allowance of the claims which could be clarified in a telephonic interview, the Examiner is respectfully requested to initiate such an interview with the undersigned.

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Respectfully submitted,



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